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TOMAK 28

MARCH 8, 1975

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. WE HAD A BRIEF MEETING THIS AFTERNOON OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CIA INVESTIGATION, TO REVIEW COLBY'S PROPOSED LETTER TO CHURCH ON INITIAL GROUND RULES AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO CIA EMPLOYEES. PRESENT WERE COLBY, HOFFMAN (DEFENSE), WILDEROTTER (JUSTICE), BUCHEN, MARSH AND MYSELF.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH TO THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY -- SHOULD WE APPEAR OPEN AND RECEPTIVE, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD CARTE BLANCHE TO LOOK AT WHATEVER IT WANTED, OR SHOULD WE SEEK TO HAVE THE COMMITTEE FOCUS MORE NARROWLY ON SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR MATERIAL IT THOUGHT IT NEEDED. WHILE THE DISCUSSION WAS VERY PRELIMINARY, COLBY AND THE OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES TENDED TOWARD THE OPEN APPROACH, WHILE BUCHEN, MARSH AND I FAVORED THE MORE RESTRICTIVE ONE.

COLBY'S DRAFT MEMOS HAD SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS IN THEM AND HE HAS GONE BACK TO REWRITE THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WOULD HAVE PUT NO RESTRICTIONS ON TESTIMONY BY EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT THEIR OWN JUDGMENT OF WHAT WAS PROPER; HE WOULD TELL THE EMPLOYEES THEY DID NOT HAVE TO REPORT TO THE AGENCY THE NATURE OF THEIR INTERROGATION, ETC.

I WAS MOST ENCOURAGED BY BUCHEN'S POSITION. I HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT CONCERNED EARLIER BUT HE WAS VERY TOUGH TODAY, AND GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH WHICH YOU FAVOR.

2. TOM DEFRANK OF NEWSWEEK TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN GREAT IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE.

***** *WH5R COMMENT*****

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HE SAID HE STRUCK JUST THE RIGHT CHORD AND GAVE THE MOST AROUSED
AND PASSIONATE PERFORMANCE HE HAD YET SEEN FROM HIM. THIS APPRAISAL
ALSO REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THE FEW OTHER PRESS PEOPLE WITH WHOM
DEFRANK HAS SPOKEN.

3. REFERENCE HAKTO 8, I HOPE TO HAVE LEGAL ANALYSIS
READY TO SEND YOU SATURDAY MORNING.
WARM REGARDS,

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